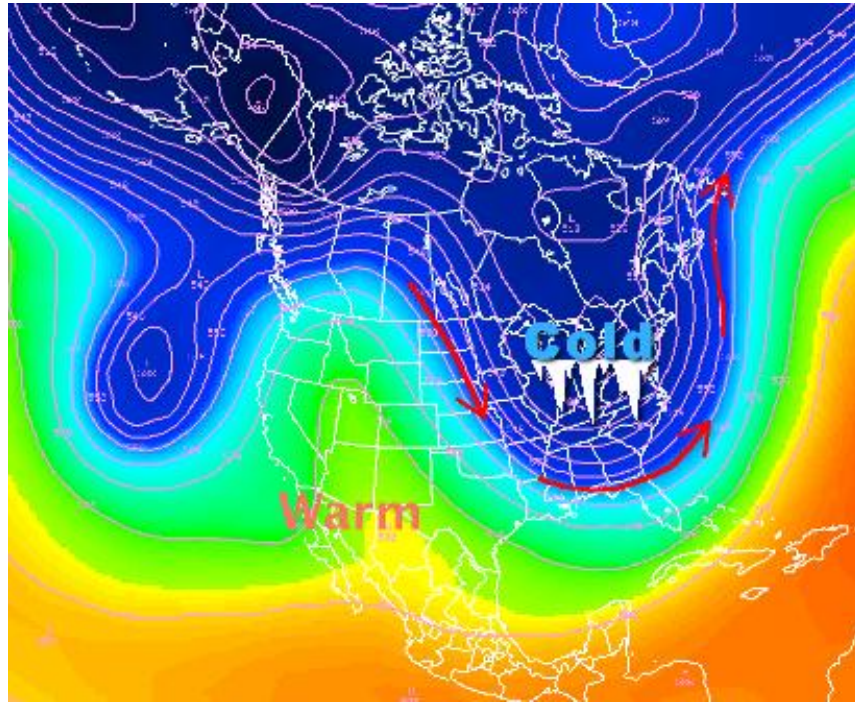


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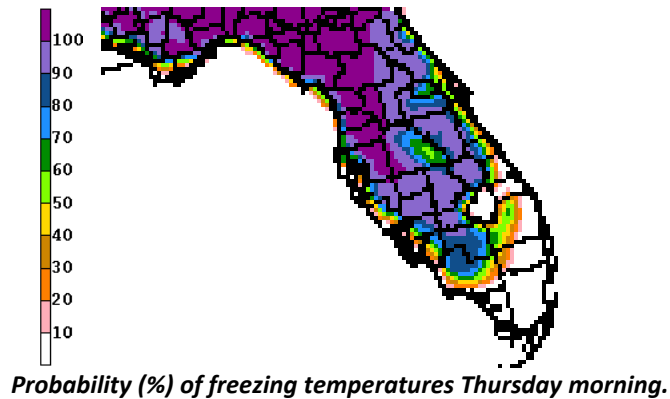
Once again a deep trough is going to setup in the upper levels across the eastern United States bringing another round of freezing temperatures to the Florida peninsula. Temperatures are expected to drop 15 to as much as 25 degrees below normal at night and about 10 to 15 degrees below normal during the day. At this time it appears that temperatures should remain above the record cold levels from some winters in the past.



Upper level pattern expected during mid week with red arrows indicating approximate position of the Jet Stream.

The first of these fronts will arrive Monday night, bringing cooler drier air into the region Tuesday with daytime highs only climbing into the mid to upper 50s across the Nature Coast to lower and mid 60s elsewhere. Lows Tuesday night into Wednesday morning are expected to fall to or below freezing across most of the Nature Coast with 30s extending southward into the interior portions of Southwest Florida. These temperatures will be accompanied by some wind which will make it feel even colder.

A second stronger front will move through during Wednesday with high pressure building in from the central U.S. during mid week. Behind this boundary even colder drier air will overspread the region bringing another round of below freezing temperatures Wednesday and Thursday nights, similar to about two weeks ago on January 22nd and 23rd. There is a potential for another hard freeze across the Nature Coast southward into inland portions of central Florida, with a freeze over inland portions of southwest Florida.



Residents should once again be prepared to protect vegetation and pets each night from Tuesday night through Thursday Night. Prolonged temperatures near or below freezing may severely damage sensitive vegetation, and can be harmful to pets. In addition, if you plan on being outdoors late each night into the early morning hours during these days, be sure to bundle up and dress in layers. If you plan on using space heaters please remember they can be a fire hazard, and you should keep linens, blankets, curtains and other flammables away from the heater at all times.

Stay tuned to your favorite media source or your National Weather Service for the latest details on this upcoming cold spell.